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Mr. Jeffrey A. Myers, P.E., Director  
Bureau of Water Assessment and Management  
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New York State Department of  
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Dear Mr. Myers: *J. 1/16*

This letter documents agreement between the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 (EPA) in regards to NYSDEC's revised Nutrient Standards Plan. NYSDEC submitted the revised version of its original September 29, 2004 Nutrient Standards Plan to EPA on January 18, 2006. EPA has reviewed NYSDEC's revised plan.

According to the revised plan, adoption of nutrient criteria, if established as guidance values, could be completed in 2008, while adoption of standards could take until 2009. NYSDEC should continue to provide annual updates to EPA to evaluate NYSDEC's progress. Based on these progress reports, EPA may recommend and NYSDEC may propose additional changes to the plan. In the event that NYSDEC significantly changes its plan, EPA will update this letter to document its agreement with the revisions.

We are very pleased with NYSDEC's progress as documented in the revised plan and appreciate the State's efforts to prepare and submit its revised plan. We look forward to continuing to work with NYSDEC in the development of these nutrient criteria for New York State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mario Del Vicario".

Mario Del Vicario  
Chief  
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